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To au to whom these eresenes shau come: Jan American Seed, a dibision of Ball Horticultural Company

DECEMS, THERE HAS BEEN PRESENTED TO THE

Secretary of Agriculture

AN APPLICATION REQUESTING A CERTIFICATE OF PROTECTION FOR AN ALLEGED DISTINCT VARIETY OF SEXUALLY REPRODUCED, OR TUBER PROPAGATED PLANT, THE NAME AND DESCRIPTION OF WHICH ARE CONTAINED IN THE APPLICATION AND EXHIBITS, A COPY OF WHICH IS HEREUNTO ANNEXED AND MADE A PART HEREOF, AND THE VARIOUS REQUIREMENTS OF LAW IN SUCH CASES MADE AND PROVIDED HAVE BEEN COMPLIED WITH, AND THE TITLE THERETO IS, FROM THE RECORDS OF THE PLANT VARIETY PROTECTION OFFICE, IN THE APPLICANT(S) INDICATED IN THE SAID COPY, AND WHEREAS, UPON DUE EXAMINATION MADE, THE SAID APPLICANT(S) IS (ARE) ADJUDGED TO BE ENTITLED TO A CERTIFICATE OF PLANT VARIETY PROTECTION UNDER THE LAW.

THEREFORE, THIS CERTIFICATE OF PLANT VARIETY PROTECTION IS TO GRANT UNTO THE SAID APPLICANT(S) AND THE SUCCESSORS, HEIRS OR ASSIGNS OF THE SAID APPLICANT(S) FOR THE TERM OF TWENTY TARS FROM THE DATE OF THIS GRANT, SUBJECT TO THE PAYMENT OF THE REQUIRED FEES AND PERIODIC CLUB INSTINENT OF VIABLE BASIC SEED OF THE VARIETY IN A PUBLIC REPOSITORY AS PROVIDED BY LAW, THE PAYMENT OF THE SECURD OTHERS FROM SELLING THE VARIETY, OR OFFERING IT FOR SALE, OR REPRODUCING IT, OR BEING IT, OR EXPORTING IT, OR CONDITIONING IT FOR PROPAGATION, OR STOCKING IT FOR ANY OF THE RURPOSES, OR USING IT IN PRODUCING A HYBRID OR DIFFERENT VARIETY THEREFROM, TO THE EXTENT AY THE PLANT VARIETY PROTECTION ACT. (84 STAT. 1542, AS AMENDED, 7 U.S.C. 2321 ET SEQ.)

VINCA

'Lavender Blue 99-665'

In Costimum Microst, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the Hant Dariety Frotection Office to be affixed at the City of Washington, D.C. this twenty-fifth day of January, in the year two thousand and seven.

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Commissioner Plant Variety Protection Office Agricultural Marketing Service

Secretary

Patent Agent

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INSTRUCTIONS

GENERAL: To be effectively filed with the Plant Variety Protection Office (PVPO), **ALL** of the following items must be **received** in the PVPO: (1) Completed application form signed by the owner; (2) completed exhibits A, B, C, E; (3) for a seed reproduced variety at least 2,500 viable untreated seeds, for a hybrid variety at least 2,500 untreated seeds of each line necessary to **reproduce** the variety, or for tuber reproduced varieties verification that a viable (*in the sense that it will reproduce an entire plant*) tissue culture will be deposited and maintained in an approved public repository; (4) check drawn on a U.S. bank for \$3,652 (\$432 filing fee and \$3,220 examination fee), payable to "Treasurer of the United States" (*See Section 97.6 of the Regulations and Rules of Practice.*) Partial applications will be held in the PVPO for not more than 90 days, then returned to the applicant as unfilled. Mail application and other requirements to Plant Variety Protection Office, AMS, USDA, Room 401, NAL Building, 10301 Baltimore Avenue, Beltsville, MD 20705-2351. Retain one copy for your files. All items on the face of the application are self explanatory unless noted below. Corrections on the application form and exhibits must be initialed and dated. **DO NOT** use masking materials to make corrections. If a certificate is allowed, you will be requested to send a check payable to "Treasurer of the United States" in the amount of \$432 for issuance of the certificate. Certificates will be issued to owner, not licensee or agent.

Plant Variety Protection Office Telephone: (301) 504-5518 FAX: (301) 504-5291

Homepage: http://www.ams.usda.gov/science/pvpo/pvpindex.htm

To avoid conflict with other variety names in use, the applicant must check the appropriate recognized authority and provide evidence that name has been cleared by the appropriate recognized authority before the Certificate of Protection is issued. For example, for agricultural and vegetable crops, contact: Seed Branch, AMS, USDA, 10301 Baltimore Avenue, Suite 401 NAL Building, Beltsville, MD 20705. Telephone: (301) 504-5682 http://www.ams.usda.gov/lsg/seed.htm.

ITEM

19a. Give:

- (1) the genealogy, including public and commercial varieties, lines, or clones used, and the breeding method;
- (2) the details of subsequent stages of selection and multiplication;
- (3) evidence of uniformity and stability; and
- (4) the type and frequency of variants during reproduction and multiplication and state how these variants may be identified
- 19b. Give a summary of the variety's distinctness. Clearly state how this application variety may be distinguished from all other varieties in the same crop. If the new variety is most similar to one variety or a group of related varieties:
 - (1) identify these varieties and state all differences objectively;
 - (2) attach statistical data for characters expressed numerically and demonstrate that these are clear differences; and
 - (3) submit, if helpful, seed and plant specimens or photographs (prints) of seed and plant comparisons which clearly indicate distinctness.
- 19c. Exhibit C forms are available from the PVPO Office for most crops; specify crop kind. Fill in Exhibit C (Objective Description of Variety) form as completely as possible to describe your variety.
- 19d. Optional additional characteristics and/or photographs. Describe any additional characteristics that cannot be accurately conveyed in Exhibit C. Use comparative varieties as is necessary to reveal more accurately the characteristics that are difficult to describe, such as plant habit, plant color, disease resistance, etc.
- 19e. Section 52(5) of the Act requires applicants to furnish a statement of the basis of the applicant's ownership. An Exhibit E form is available from the PVPO.
- 20. If "Yes" is specified (seed of this variety be sold by variety name only, as a class of certified seed), the applicant MAY NOT reverse this affirmative decision after the variety has been sold and so labeled, the decision published, or the certificate issued. However, if "No" has been specified, the applicant may change the choice. (See Regulations and Rules of Practice, Section 97.103).
- 23. See Sections 41, 42, and 43 of the Act and Section 97.5 of the regulations for eligibility requirements.
- 24. See Section 55 of the Act for instructions on claiming the benefit of an earlier filing date.
- 22. CONTINUED FROM FRONT (Please provide a statement as to the limitation and sequence of generations that may be certified.)
- 23. CONTINUED FROM FRONT (Please provide the date of first sale, disposition, transfer, or use for each country and the circumstances, if the variety (including any harvested material) or a hybrid produced from this variety has been sold, disposed of, transferred, or used in the U.S. or other countries.)

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24. CONTINUED FROM FRONT (Please give the country, date of filing or issuance, and assigned reference number, if the variety or any component of the variety is protected by intellectual property right (Plant Breeder's Right or Patent).)

NOTES: It is the responsibility of the applicant/owner to keep the PVPO informed of any changes of address or change of ownership or assignment or owner's representative during the life of the application/certificate. The fees for filing a change of address; owner's representative; ownership or assignment; or any modification of owner's name is specified in Section 97.175 of the regulations. (See Section 101 of the Act, and Sections 97.130, 97.131, 97.175(h) of the Regulations and Rules of Practice.)

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EXHIBIT A

'Origin and Breeding History of the Variety 'Lavender Blue 99-665'

'Lavender Blue 99-665' was developed using the pedigree breeding system. The original developmental cross was made in the spring of 1996 using the commercial variety 'Pacifica Lilac' and the Vinca species *Catharanthus longifolius*.

The species Catharanthus longifolius was originally obtained from the University of Connecticut in 1992 where it was designated as Catharanthus longifolius (1) selection 3. This species material was maintained by massing plants to maintain the species germplasm. This material consisted of a segregating population, containing both cream and lavender flowers which contained large white centers. The habit of this species is tall, poorly branched and is late flowering when compared with commercial Vinca varieties.

In the fall of 1996, several F1 plants were pollinated and the seed was massed to produce F2 seed. In the spring of 1997 single plant selections were made in the F2 population and self pollinated to produce F3 families. The F2 plants were selected based on a phenotype having a well basal branching habit, early flowering plants, and large flowers containing large white centers.

Several F3 families were selected in the fall of 1997 which were most uniform for the above characters with the additional selection criteria of lavender blue colored flowers. All the progeny were advanced by single plant selections which were self pollinated.

Subsequent F4 to F6 generations were also advanced using self pollinated single plant selections while continuing to select families with the most uniform previously described characters.

One of the F6 family designated as Lav-Blue #99-665, was selected and 50 plants were sib pollinated to produce a stock seed increase. The seed produced from this population was used for the first foundation seed crop. Lav-Blue #99-665 was later designated 'Lavender Blue 99-665'.

No variants or off types were observed in either the stock seed increase generation or the subsequent crop.

'Lavender Blue 99-665' is stable and uniform after two generations of seed increase which included the stock seed increase and the foundation seed crop.

EXHIBIT B Statement of Distinctness Vinca 'Lavender Blue 99-665'

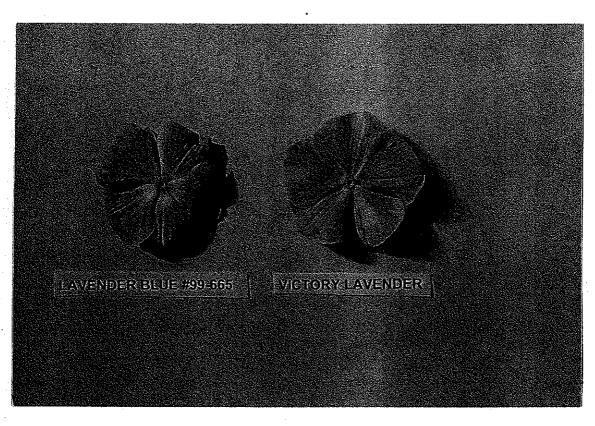


Fig 1. Vinca 'Lavender Blue 99-665' and 'Victory Lavender'

'Lavender Blue 99-665' is most readily distinguished from 'Victory Lavender' which is the most similar commercial variety available, by flower color. The petal colors of both are shades of violet; 'Lavender Blue 99-665' is violet (RHS Violet 87B), while that of 'Victory Lavender' is violet (RHS Violet 87A). The distinguishing characteristic is that 'Lavender Blue 99-665' has a white (RHS White 155B) ring adjacent to the orifice while 'Victory Lavender' does not.

United States Department of Agriculture, Agricultural Marketing Service Science and Technology Division, Plant Variety Protection Office National Agricultural Library Building, Room 500 Beltsville MD 20705

OBJECTIVE DESCRIPTION OF VARIETY VINCA (Catharanthus spp.)

Name of Applicant(s) Temporary Designation Lav-Blue ♀#99-665 Pan American Seed	Variety Name 'Lavender Blue 99-665'			
Address (Street & No., or R.F.D. No., City, State, Zip Code and Country)	FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY			
622 Town Road West Chicago IL 60185 USA	PVPO Number 2005 00214			

Place the appropriate number that describes the varietal characters typical of this variety in the spaces below. Right justify whole numbers by adding leading zeros if necessary. The variety that you choose for comparison should be the most similar one in terms of background and maturity. The comparison variety used should be grown in field trials with the application variety for 2-3 location/years (environments) in the region and season of best adaptability. At least one year of trials should be conducted within the United States of America. In general, measurements of quantitative traits should be taken on 15-25 randomly selected plants or plant parts to obtain averages and statistics that describe a typical field of the variety. Designate test location(s):

1. OVERALL PLANT HABIT (at flowering stage):			
Data Collection Site Guadalupe, CA USA	Comparison Variety Name <u>Victory Lavender</u>		
2 Species: 1=roseus 2=Other <u>C. roseus x C. longifolius</u>	1 Species		
2 Ploidy: 1=Haploid 2=Diploid 3=Triploid 4=Tetraploid	2 Ploidy		
1 Life Cycle: 1=Annual 2=Biennial 3=Perennial	_1_ Life Cycle		
Growth Habit : 1=Determinate	_1_ Growth Habit		
1 Growth Form: 1=Upright 2=Semi-prostrate 3=Prostrate	1 Growth Form		
5 Flowering: 1=Very Early 2=Early 3=Mid Season 4=Late 5=Continuous	_5_ Flowering season		
0 6 0 Days from Planting to First Flowering	0 6 5 Days to First Flowering		
1 2 0 Length of Flowering Season in Days	1 2 0 Days - Flowering Season Length		
0 2 6.0 cm Plant Height at Maturity	0 2 8.0 cm Plant Height		
0 2 0 cm Plant Width at Maturity	0 2 7.0 cm Plant Width		
2 Plant Height Class: 1=Extra Dwarf 2=Dwarf 3=Semi-dwarf 4=Tall	_3_ Plant Height Class		
1 Plant Width Class: 1=Compact 2=Semi-compact 3=Spreading/Lax	_2_ Plant Width Class		
2. STEM:			
1 Profile: 1=Straight 2=Zig-Zag	_1_ Profile		
3 Branching Pattern: 1=Single Stem 2=Few Branches 3=Many Branches	_3_ Branching Pattern		
2 5 . 0 cm Stem Length from base of stem to terminal flower	_270_ cm Stem Length (total)		
_0 _1 Number of Internodes below First Branch	0 1 Number of Internodes below First Branch		
0 4 Number of First Order Branches (from main stem)	_0_6_ No. of First Order Branches (from main stem)		
1 Stem Anthocyanin: 1=Absent 2=Along Veins only 3=Solid Coloration	_1_ Stem Anthocyanin		
Application Variety Data	Comparison Variety Data		

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Application Variety Data Page 2	Comparison Variety Data: Victory Lavender		
3. FOLIAGE:			
1 Leaf Type: 1=Simple 2=Compound	_1 Leaf Type		
1 Leaf Margin: 1=Entire 2=Serrate 3=Other	_1_ Leaf Margin		
3 Leaf Odor: 1=None 2=Mild 3=Strong	3 Leaf Odor		
1 Petiole Anthocyanin: 1=Absent 2=Mild 3=Strong	1_ Petiole Anthocyanin		
2 Leaf Shape: 1=Lanceolate 2=Elliptic 3=Obovate 4=Ovate	2 Leaf Shape		
0 3 2 0 mm Leaf Width 0 6 5 0 mm Leaf Length	0 3 0 0 mm Leaf Width 0 7 5 0 mm Leaf Length		
LEAF DORSAL SIDE:	LEAF DORSAL SIDE		
2 Leaf Color: 1=Light Green 2=Medium Green 3=Dark Green	3 Leaf Color		
4=Other (describe) Color Chart Name RHS 137A Color Chart Reading	Color Chart Reading RHS 137 A		
1 Pubescence: 1=Absent 2=Light 3=Heavy	1 Pubscence		
2 Luster: 1=Dull 2=Shiny	2 Luster		
LEAF VENTRAL SIDE:	LEAF VENTRAL SIDE		
2 Leaf Color: 1=Light Green 2=Medium Green 3=Dark Green 4=Other (describe)	reen 3=Dark Green <u>2</u> Leaf Color		
Color Chart Name RHS 138A Color Chart Reading	Color Chart Reading RHS 138 A		
1 Pubescence: 1=Absent 2=Light 3=Heavy	_1_ Pubscence		
1 Luster: 1=Dull 2=Shiny	<u>1</u> Luster		
4. FLOWER:			
1 Type: 1=Single 2=Semi-Double 3=Double	<u>1</u> Type		
1 Form: 1=Flat 2=Cupped 3=Other	<u>1</u> Form		
2 Shape: 1=Round (petals overlap) 2=Intermediate 3=Star (petals gapped)	1 Shape		
_2 Flower Odor: 1=None 2=Mild 3=Strong	_2_ Flower Odor		
1 Pedicel Anthocyanin: 1=Absent 2=Faint 3=Strong	_1_ Pedicel Anthocyanin		
1 Number Flowers per Plant 3 5 Number Flowers per Plant			
0 5 5 mm Flower Diameter	0 5 0 . 0 mm Flower Diameter		
_0 _30 mm Orifice Size (including the opening of the corolla tube)	<u>0</u> <u>3</u> . <u>0</u> mm Orifice Size		
0 5 . 0 mm Ring Width (from outside orifice to edge of color band)	0 0 . 0 mm Ring Width (No Ring)		
0 2 5 . 0 mm Petal Width (at widest point)	_0_2_00_ mm Petal Width		
0 2 0 . 0 mm Petal Length (from ring to outer edge)	0 2 3 . 0 mm Petal Lêngth		
Application Variety Data	Comparison Variety Data		
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Application Variety Data Page 3			Comparison Variety Data				
5. FLOWER COLORS: (Note: Common Color Charts: RHS=Royal Horticultural Society Colour Chart; Munsell=Munsell Book of Color)							
	Color Verbal Name	Color Chart Code	Color Chart Name		Color Name	Chart Code	Chart Name
EXAMPLE	Light Blue	106C	RHS				
Petal Color	Violet	87B	RHS	Petal Color	Violet	87A	RHS
Ring Color	White	155 B	RHS	Ring Color	Violet	87A	RHS
Orifice Color	Yellow	4C	RHS	Orifice Color	Yellow	4C	RHS
Other Color (describe location or placement)				Other			٠
6. SEEDS (Measur	re mature (dry) seeds)):	<u> </u>				
3 Seed Set: 1=None 2=Poor 3=Fair 4=Good 5=Excellent		3 Seed Set					
4 Seed Coat Color: 1=White 2=Tan 3=Brown 4=Black 5=Other		_4 Seed Coat Color					
<u>1 0 0 8 0 mg</u> Weight per 1000 Seeds			<u>1 9 2 0 . 0</u> mg Seed Weight				
resistant check and a su be included in the novel (most resistant) for each	isceptible check for each of lty statement in support of h disease or insect reaction	d insect reactions as possib disease or insect being test of the novelty claim. Rate to be being reported. Give the le) to 9 (most resistant)):	ted. When using disease r the application variety and e scientific and common n	resistance to descr I the comparison v	гibe novelty, info variety on a scale	ormation on these e of 1 (most susce	checks should eptible) to 9
Rating Disease/Insect Name (give race or strain, if known)		Rating Disease/Insect Name					
N/A				N	I/A		
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Application Variety I	Data	,		Comparison	Variety Data		

Comparison Variety Data

8. Attach ONE photographic print of the application variety and the comparison variety described above, indicating the identity of each variety. This photograph should show flower heads of each variety at a magnification sufficient to identify most of the verbal descriptors given above. (Additional photographs in support of this application may be supplied as part of the Exhibits B or D.)



REPRODUCE LOCALLY. Include form number and edition date on all	reproductions E	ORM APPROVED - OMB No. 0581-0055		
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AGRICULTURAL MARKETING SERVICE	Application is required in order to dete	ermine if a plant variety protection		
	certificate is to be issued (7 U.S.C. 24	21). The information is held		
EXHIBIT E	confidential until the certificate is issu-	ed (7 U.S.C. 2426).		
STATEMENT OF THE BASIS OF OWNERSHIP				
1. NAME OF APPLICANT(S)	2. TEMPORARY DESIGNATION OR EXPERIMENTAL NUMBER	3. VARIETY NAME		
PanAmerican Seed, a division of Ball Horticultural Company	Lav-Blue ♀ #99-665	'Lavender Blue 99-665'		
4. ADDRESS (Street and No., or R.F.D. No., City, State, and ZIP, and Country)	5. TELEPHONE (Include area code)	6. FAX (Include area code)		
622 Town Road	(630) 231-3600	(630) 231-2590		
West Chicago, IL 60185	7. PVPO NUMBER			
USA		2.1		
	200500	214		
8. Does the applicant own all rights to the variety? Mark an "X" in the	e appropriate block. If no. please expla	in. YES NO		
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9. Is the applicant (individual or company) a U.S. national or a U.S. ba	and company? If no give name of a	ountry. YES NO		
9. Is the applicant (individual of company) a 0.5. Hational of a 0.5. ba	ased company? If no, give name of co	Juliury.		
				
10. Is the applicant the original owner?	NO If no, please answer one	of the following:		
10. 15 the applicant the original owner:				
a. If the original rights to variety were owned by individual(s), is (are) the original owner(s) a U.S. National(s)?				
YES NO If no, give name of country				
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 b. If the original rights to variety were owned by a company(ies), 				
YES NO If no, give name of country				
E-ward				
11. Additional explanation on ownership (Trace ownership from origin	nal breeder to current owner. Use the re	everse for extra space if needed):		
The breeding of variety 'Lavender Blue 99-665' was conducted in	Guadalupe, California at a PanAmeric	an Seed facility. Other than		
greenhouse technical staff, the breeder, Denis Flaschenriem, work				
PanAmerican Seed. By agreement between the employee and PanAmerican Seed, all rights and ownership to the variety resides with				
PanAmerican Seed.				
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PLEASE NOTE:				
Plant variety protection can only be afforded to the owners (not licens	ees) who meet the following criteria:			
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 If the rights to the variety are owned by the original breeder, that penational of a country which affords similar protection to nationals of 	erson must be a U.S. national, national of the U.S. for the same genus and speci	of a UPOV member country, or es.		

- If the rights to the variety are owned by the company which employed the original breeder(s), the company must be U.S. based, owned by nationals of a UPOV member country, or owned by nationals of a country which affords similar protection to nationals of the U.S. for the same genus and species.
- 3. If the applicant is an owner who is not the original owner, both the original owner and the applicant must meet one of the above criteria.

The original breeder/owner may be the individual or company who directed the final breeding. See Section 41(a)(2) of the Plant Variety Protection Act for definitions.

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SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
PLANT VARIETY PROTECTION OFFICE
BELTSVILLE, MD 20705

EXHIBIT F DECLARATION REGARDING DEPOSIT

NAME OF OWNER (S) Hime Cican Pan Amerean Seed, a division of Ball Horticultural Company	ADDRESS (Street and No. or RD No., City, State, and Zip Code and Country) 622 Town Road West Chicago II (0185)	TEMPORARY OR EXPERIMENTAL DESIGNATION Lav-Blue 9 #99-665		
	West Chicago, IL 60185 USA	VARIETY NAME 'Lavender Blue 99-665'		
NAME OF OWNER REPRESENTATIVE (S)	ADDRESS (Street and No. or RD No., City, State, and Zip Code and Country)	FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY		
Audrey Charles	622 Town Road West Chicago, IL 60185 USA	PVPO NUMBER 2005 0 0 2 1 4		

I do hereby declare that during the life of the certificate a viable sample of propagating material of the subject variety will be deposited, and replenished as needed periodically, in a public repository in the United States in accordance with the regulations established by the Plant Variety Protection Office.

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9/19/05 Date